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ADOT plans to get input on Ariz. 801

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BUCKEYE - State transportation planners will travel to Buckeye on Wednesday to gather input on long-range plans for Arizona 801, a proposed Interstate 10 reliever.

Currently, planners are considering a possible Arizona 801 route that will link Loop 303 south of I-10 with the future South Mountain Freeway, or Loop 202.

Construction isn't expected until 2021, unless government officials strike deals to advance the timetable.

At issue in the "public scoping meeting" in Buckeye are extra plans to extend Arizona 801 farther west, providing a connection between Loop 303 and Arizona 85.

Planners for the Arizona Department of Transportation will gather public input for a possible route for the Arizona 801 extension north of the Gila River.

Also, planners will offer information on the proposed Arizona 801 connection from Loop 303 to Loop 202.

The reliever plans are proposed improvements under Proposition 400, the 2006-26 Regional Transportation Plan approved by Valley voters in November 2004.

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